

IN THE CLAIMS:

- 1 1. (Currently Amended) A method of licensing and managing media resources in a tele-
2 communications system including a converged services platform, said method compris-
3 ing the steps of:
4 creating a central pool ~~of storing~~ resource points representing a licensed or
5 authorization level of media resource service capability; and
6 ~~storing in said central pool all default and any additional licensed resource points~~
7 ~~represented by a converged services platform; and~~
8 dynamically allocating portions of said central pool to one or more media re-
9 source cards.

- 1 2. (New) The method as in claim 1, further comprising the step of: storing in said
2 central pool default and/or additional licensed resource points represented by a converged
3 services platform.
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- 1 3. (New) The method as in claim 1, wherein said allocating step allocates portions of
2 said central pool to a particular media resource card for a specific media resource
3 service.

- 1 4. (New) The method as in claim 1, further comprising the step of: providing redun-
2 dancy in the event a media resource card becomes unavailable by allocating additional
3 portions of said central pool to remaining available cards.

- 1 5. (New) The method as in claim 1, further comprising the step of: designating a
2 specified number of resource points required to perform each media resource service
3 available.

- 1 6. (New) The method as in claim 5, further comprising the step of: determining a
2 number of resource points needed to perform an application by multiplying a number of
3 required media resource services by their corresponding number of required resource
4 points.
- 1 7. (New) The method as in claim 6, further comprising the step of: licensing addi-
2 tional resource points to a customer in the event that said resource points needed to per-
3 form an application are greater than said default resource points available.
- 1 8. (New) The method as in claim 7, further comprising the step of: notifying said
2 customer that a license for additional resource points is needed in that event.
- 1 9. (New) The method as in claim 1, wherein said media resource service is selected
2 from the group consisting of tone generation, tone detection, and recording/playback of
3 voice recorded announcements.
- 1 10. (New) A converged services platform, comprising:
2 one or more media resource cards for performing media resource services;
3 a central pool storing resource points representing a license or authorization level
4 of media resource capability, said central pool for storing default and/or additional li-
5 censed resource points represented by said converged services platform; and
6 a processor for dynamically allocating portions of said central pool to one or more
7 media resource cards.

1 11. (New) The converged services platform as in claim 10, wherein said processor
2 allocates portions of said central pool to a particular media resource card for a specific
3 media resource service.

1 12. (New) The converged services platform as in claim 10, wherein said processor
2 provides redundancy in the event a media resource card becomes unavailable by allo-
3 cating additional portions of said central pool to remaining available cards.

1 13. (New) The converged services platform as in claim 10, wherein each media re-
2 source service has a specified number of resource points, which are required to perform
3 said service.

1 14. (New) The converged services platform as in claim 13, wherein a number of re-
2 source points needed to perform an application is determined by multiplying a number
3 of required media resource services by their corresponding number of required resource
4 points.

1 15. (New) The converged services platform as in claim 14, wherein said additional
2 licensed resource points are licensed to a customer in the event that said resource points
3 needed to perform an application are greater than said default resource points available.

1 16. (New) The converged services platform as in claim 10, wherein said media re-
2 source service is selected from the group consisting of tone generation, tone detection,
3 and recording/playback of voice recorded announcements.

1 17. (New) The converged services platform as in claim 10, further comprising: cache
2 memories programmed to cache voice recorded announcements and/or other an-
3 nouncements for playback.

1 18. (New) The converged services platform as in claim 17, further comprising: an as-
2 sociated file server coupled with a network interface and said processor, said file server
3 storing said voice recorded announcements and other announcements.

1 19. (New) A converged services platform, comprising:
2 means for creating a central pool storing resource points representing a license or
3 authorization level of media resource service capability; and
4 means for dynamically allocating portions of said central pool to one or more me-
5 dia resource cards.

1 20. (New) The converged services platform as in claim 19, further comprising: means
2 for storing in said central pool default and/or additional licensed resource points repre-
3 sented by a converged services platform.